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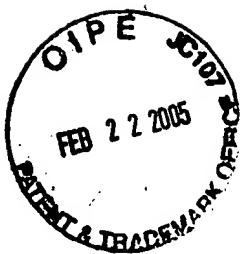
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Sir:

This Amendment under 37 CFR Section 1.111 is being filed in response to the new grounds of rejection set forth in the Reply Brief filed 22 December 2004 in the above referenced application. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR Section 41.39(b)(1) applicant hereby requests that prosecution in this application be reopened. The two-month period for response to the new grounds of rejection is set to expire on 22 February 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.